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C O N F I D E N T I A L KUWAIT 5664

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, MASS, KU, PK

SUBJECT: PAKISTAN TRAINING KUWAITI NAVAL PERSONNEL

1. FOLLOWING INCIDENT DESCRIBED FOR WHATEVER INTEREST IT MAY
HOLD FOR ADDRESSEES; IT AROUSED OUR CURIOSITY.

2. DURING A MEETING NOVEMBER 30 ON AN UNRELATED SUBJECT, WITH
THE COMMANDER OF THE KUWAITI NAVY AND TWO OF HIS PAKISTANI NAVAL
OFFICER ADVISORS (ATTACHED TO KUWAITI GENERAL STAFF), EMBOFF'S
INNOCENT CURIOSITY LED HIM TO INQUIRE WHETHER IT WAS TRUE THAT THE
PAKISTANI NAVY WAS TRAINING KUWAITIS. THE PAKISTANI CAPTAIN WHO
FIRST ANSWERED REPLIED IN THE NEGATIVE, BUT HE GREW FLUSTERED
WHEN EMBOFF RECALLED LOCAL ARABIC PRESS ARTICLE INDICATING THAT
SUCH TRAINING WAS TAKING PLACE. (KUWAIT DAILY AL-WATAN OF NOV. 23
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REPORTED THAT "ABOUT 15" KUWAITI NAVAL OFFICERS "HAVE COMPLETED
NAVAL TRAINING IN PAKISTAN" AND WOULD BE RETURNING TO KUWAIT IN
EARLY DECEMBER ON "TWO PAKISTANI WARSHIPS.") PAKISTANI THEN
TURNED IN APPARENT SURPRISE TO KUWAITI COMMANDER AND SAID: "WAS
THAT PUBLISHED?" KUWAITI ACKNOWLEDGED THAT PRESS ARTICLE HAD
APPEARED, THAT SUBSTANCE WAS CORRECT, AND THAT KUWAITI

PERSONNEL WOULD DISEMBARK UPON ARRIVAL IN KUWAIT.

3. COMMENT: WE CAN THINK OF NO REASON WHY THE PAKISTANIS
WOULD WANT TO HIDE THE FACT OF TRAINING KUWAITIS, SINCE THE PAK
MILITARY IS ALREADY PUBLICLY INVOLVED IN TECHNICAL AND ADVISORY
ROLES WITH OTHER KUWAITI ARMED SERVICES.

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